



HUMAN RESOURCES NOTICE

U.S. Embassy, Buenos Aires

Vacancy Announcement No. 47/06

October 5, 2006

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Visa Assistant FSN-07

OPENING DATE: October 5, 2006

CLOSING DATE: October 19, 2006

WORK HOURS: 40 hours per week

SALARY: Ordinarily resident: FSN-7 on the local compensation scale,
Not-ordinarily resident: FP-7

NOTE: ALL NOT-ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires is seeking a Visa Assistant to work in the Consular Section, Immigration Visa Unit, American Embassy, Buenos Aires.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

Incumbent handles all aspects of non-immigrant and immigrant visa applications and processing. Performs difficult and challenging work along the full spectrum of IV service. Is responsible for drafting most of the section's special correspondence in English and Spanish. Receives and reviews visa and DHS applications; interviews Immigrant Visa applicants and makes recommendations regarding visa entitlement; enters data in visa systems and prints visas. Answers visa related public enquiries and drafts routine correspondence.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact X4741.



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QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants are instructed to address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each criterion. *The job knowledge and skills /abilities detailed below are required for the full performance of the job.*

- Education level: High School degree is required.
- Prior Work Experience: At least two years in clerical work and customer service are required.
- Language proficiency: Level IV English (fluent) is required. Level IV Spanish (fluent) is required.
- Skills and abilities: Advanced typing and computers skills are required. Must have ability to interact with the public in a courteous and helpful manner under continued pressure. Must be able to learn and apply complex regulations correctly.

SELECTION CRITERIA

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy. It is contrary to Mission policy to employ more than one local employee ("Foreign Service National" or "FSN") family member, or to employ a close relative of an FSN already employed.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.



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3. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their appointment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following, or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment (SF-171, or OF-612); **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae indicating education, experience, language level and knowledge according to requirements.
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their DD-214 with their application.
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office
Av. Colombia 4300; or
fax to 5777-4201; or email
buenosaires-rrhh@state.gov

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: 10/19/06

The US Mission in Buenos Aires provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.